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For: EXPRESSION VECTOR FOR CONSISTENT CELLULAR
EXPRESSION OF THE TET ON RECEPTOR IN MULTIPLE
CELL TYPES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 12, 2004, please
consider the following remarks. As this response is being filed on Monday, June 14,
2004, this response is believed to be timely.

The Examiner has identified the following three groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 19 and 20, drawn to a vector and a method of expressing a
gene of interest in a cell;

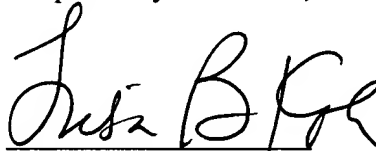
Group II: Claims 9, 10 and 18, drawn to a non-human animal comprising the vector of Group I, and a method of screening an anti-tumor drug by using a transgenic non-human animal; and

Group III: Claims 8 and 11-17, drawn to a method of generating a reverse tetracycline-controlled transactivator expression system.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group II, namely claims 9, 10 and 18, in the above-identified application, without prejudice to the prosecution of non-elected claims in other patent applications.

It is believed that no fee is due with this response. If however, payment of a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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